

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) A method for treating renal failure, which comprises administering an effective amount of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) by continuous intravenous administration to suppress blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and ^{creatinine} ~~creatinine~~ levels in to a patient suffering from renal failure,

thereby treating renal failure in said patient.

7. (Canceled).